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November 11, 1906.

Hon. Luke Smith,

Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

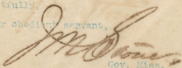
Following my telegram of this morning, I write to say that we had been informed through the family of Mr. R. H. Allen, Receiver at the Land Office at Alva, Oklahoma, that Mr. Allen had died, and that Walter E. Ellis, of Idola, Miss., had made application for appointment as his successor. An answer to a telegram from here to Mr. Allen's office, at Alva, fails to confirm the report of his death, and I sincerely hope it is not true. This I write in explanation of my telegram of this morning.

In respect to the renewed application of Mr. Ellis, I desire to say that no man of common decency holding his views towards the present Democratic administration would think of applying for a favor from it. He stands as the leader of the Anti-administration element in his county and community, is a most violent free silver crank, and loses no opportunity to denounce and abuse the administration in all its departments. He deserves nothing whatever from you.

It transpires that there is a vacancy in the office in question and I beg that I may be heard on applications made from this State.

Most Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,



Gov. Miss.